



# The Keystonian

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## State Project to Cultivate Ethiopian Literacy

### "Those Who Read...Bloom!"

By Tracey R. Dusch,  
Projects Committee Chair

**O**n a clear and mild morning, I walk through the Ethiopian countryside beside a two-wheeled cart drawn by a pair of donkeys. Outside the busy agricultural town of Awassa, a warm blue sky spreads above farmland from horizon to horizon. Near round straw huts, women in kerchiefs and long skirts work the ground, looking up as we pass on the dusty road. Roosters relentlessly interrupt the quiet rhythms of hoeing and chopping. The donkeys turn right, plod into a neighborhood of small houses, and stop under a wide-spreading acacia tree. Carts hauling produce or passengers are common here; but ours, pulling a brightly painted yellow metal trailer is unique. My walking companion, Yohannes Gebregeorgis [geb-RAY-gee-OR-geez], unhitches the animals and drops open the flaps of the trailer to display not vegetables or tools, but children's books. This is the Donkey Mobile



Library, the first of its kind in Ethiopia and one of only a few in the world."

- from "Hope Volume I: How a children's librarian and his donkey-drawn bookmobile are saving the world, one kid at a time" by Melissa Fay Greene; Good Housekeeping; October 2007

Carolyn Sutton knew that she wanted the state project during her biennium as Alpha Alpha State President to deal with literacy. An appointment at her hair dresser and the October 2007 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine helped bring her wish to fruition. After reading the article excerpted above, Carolyn knew that a wonderful project idea had been found.

**The State Projects Committee** has chosen Ethiopia Reads as its biennial project in the hopes of "planting" a fully sponsored library in Ethiopia. *Making plans are Seated: Carolyn Sutton, State President; Standing: (L-R) Eileen Little, Sharon O'Connell, Lisa Kiss, Gisele Siebold, and Tracey Dusch, Chairman.*

Ethiopia Reads was organized in 1998 by Yohannes Gebregeorgis, a native of Ethiopia. Yohannes came to America as a political refugee and became a children's librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. He founded the program to "improve literacy and create a culture of reading in Ethiopia, in order to bring hope, vision, and educational skills to this generation of Ethiopian children." Ethiopia Reads believes

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## Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Carolyn Sutton

*Carolyn greets Psi Chapter Recruitment Grant recipient,  
Nicole Johnson from Clarion University*

**B**efore the hustle bustle of the holiday season overtakes me, I would like to take some time to reflect on the recent activities of Alpha Alpha State.

It is my pleasure to announce that **Dr. Jo A. Holtz, Gamma Chapter**, was awarded a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend the National Middle School Association 34th Annual Conference. The next deadline for applications for this professional development opportunity is February 1, 2008.

Congratulations to the nominations committees of **Alpha Sigma Chapter** and **Psi Chapter** for preparing a slate of officers for the 2008-2010 biennium. **A heartfelt thank you for those key women who said "yes" to moving into the "lattice of leadership" and service to the Society.** Remember, an early acceptance of a slate enables the president-elect to attend the Chapter Presidents' Training offered by the Leadership Development Committee. Those dates will be announced shortly.

The Afghanistan Teacher Project continues as an International effort with UNICEF, and our members are encouraged to give generously to this worthy cause. In addition, Alpha Alpha State Projects Committee met in September and will launch a new state project for this biennium. Please read Tracey Dusch's article for the details on Ethiopia Reads. (See page 1.)

Since many of you are preparing your students for a mid-year review, now is the perfect time to review the initiatives as set forth by Dr. Barbara Day and her International committees. **Let's take another look at the Key Initiatives and assess our progress to date.**

**#1. Inviting Membership Explosion:**

Kudos to the Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee for the 100% attendance at their planning meeting. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as the members generated ideas for assisting chapters with the Membership Explosion Initiative. Congratulations to those chapters who have already met the criteria set forth for the Membership Explosion recognition and celebration. Don't let your chapter be left behind. Continue the search for qualified key women educators and invite them to become part of your chapter. Many educators who work outside the traditional classroom qualify for membership. Remember also that educators are eligible to join even two years after retirement. **Epsilon Chapter is an excellent example of what a difference a membership explosion can make in the livelihood of a chapter.** The talents, energy, and vision of their chapter members have made such an impact. Sometimes the only impetus needed is to recall why you became a member and, more importantly, remained a member. Two articles in the fall issue of The Bulletin: "Leadership, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Me," by Glenda K. Hayes and "Why I am a Member," by Pamela Phillips serve as excellent recruitment, orientation, and reorientation resources.

**#2. Supporting New Teachers - Collaborative Connections:** **Alpha Sigma Chapter** filled 59 welcome bags for new teachers in the New Castle, Butler, Mohawk, Union, Neshannock, Shenango and Laurel districts. Your chapter members can explore other ways to reach out and mentor new teachers. Please share your stories by sending information to be included in *The Keystonean* or on the state website.

**#3. Promoting Wise and Passionate Living:** Alpha Alpha State sisters excel

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## *The Challenge of Membership* By Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State Membership Chair

Forty-two percent of the chapters of Alpha Alpha State met the criteria of Membership Explosion during the first year of the International challenge. Four or more initiates invited into these chapters accepted the gift of membership. The second year of Membership Explosion is underway with more chapters seeking to meet the criteria of the challenge. Alpha Alpha State is creating an epidemic. We've caught the bug of Membership Explosion and it's spreading!

Have you paid attention to the words inviting new initiates to membership during a traditional initiation ceremony? Potential members are asked to give full support to the implementation of programs of work and policies for the fulfillment of the seven purposes as a commitment that binds our members in cooperative, continual, and consistent efforts to strengthen and sustain our Society. New initiates are asked to accept, sustain, and advance the generativity of the Society. What an overwhelming and awesome commitment, responsibility, and challenge is asked of our new initiates! Chapter Implosion is needed.

We need to be part of the united effort we had once pledged to, and we now have asked of our new initiates. The challenges of membership are many. How do we keep

members involved? After a recent initiation ceremony a new member asked how she could sign up for a committee; hang on to that excitement and commitment that comes with initiation! Many chapters don't involve new members their first year as a way to orient them to the chapter, but maybe we need to tap their interest head on and ask new initiates to work on a committee, i.e., research, projects, scholarship, or act as a hostess during a meeting. Promoting involvement right away may be the catalyst to continued involvement.

Another challenge of membership is tapping into the time and energy needed by members to attend meetings and to continue involvement in the Society. Family commitments are many, but if we think creatively we may be able to solve some problems. Many high school students need service projects to add to their records/resume. Perhaps offering a babysitting experience for younger children would enable those members with family responsibilities to attend meetings more readily.

Besides family commitments another issue some chapters have is distance...travel distance and time that is incurred/needed to attend meetings. Recently, a member mentioned that she had to travel more than an hour to attend a meeting. There are many members that

are in this situation. Though the old minstrel song lyrics are a reminder of treasured closeness, that is, "I'd walk a million miles for one of your smiles..." perhaps it is a little too much to ask members to do the same considering the fast paced and hectic society within which we live today. There are options and solutions.

Just as we emotionally suffer when our children leave the nest, so, too, do we hate to see our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters leave our nest. But in all honesty with our own children it is a rite of passage and with our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters it may be a solution to continued involvement. That is, be the catalyst to create a sister chapter to meet the needs of members. There are many chapters that have large memberships and could solve attendance problems related to geography through the creation and chartering of a new chapter to meet the geographical needs of their members. (Forms for chartering a new chapter are on the International website). And that smile you think you will miss may be returned ten-fold when a chapter and its new sister chapter get together in a joint meeting.

The challenges of membership are many. We can meet them. Recommitment to the united efforts we pledged to as we were offered the gift of membership is crucial. Recommitment will take *Membership Explosion* to a new *Membership Implosion*!

### President's Winter Schedule

December 2, 2007	Alpha Upsilon's Christmas Tea
December 8, 2007	Visit to Beta Nu and Omicron Chapters
February, 2008	Program of Work Committee meetings - TBA
February 9, 2008	Alpha Upsilon Chapter Visit
March 8, 2008	Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee Meeting in Somerset

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# PROGRAM OF WORK

By Susan Stamm, Program Chairman

It is the responsibility of the Program of Work Chairman to lead successful programs for meetings. How conscientious are you in fulfilling this responsibility?

Listed below are some questions (to ask yourself) to guide planning productive and inclusive meetings:

1. Am I modeling the five leadership functions during meetings?
  - ▶ Advance the purposes of the organization.
  - ▶ Inspire greater activity and set the pace for the group.
  - ▶ Help members feel secure of their place in the group.
  - ▶ Act without regard to self-interest.
  - ▶ Communicate in a multidirectional way to ensure members are informed and react to the information accordingly.
2. Does each meeting contain the following elements?
  - ▶ Care
  - ▶ Leadership
  - ▶ Vision
  - ▶ Focus
  - ▶ Action Orientation
  - ▶ Celebration

3. Do I understand the elements of content and process?
  - ▶ Content answers the questions *what* and *why*. The content is the planning and the thinking.
  - ▶ Process deals with *how*, *why*, *when* and *where*. The process is the implementation.

4. Am I examining the six areas of meeting awareness? Awareness is the essential part of managing others.
  - ▶ Verbal communications (Are people listening and hearing? Do people say what they think and feel?)
  - ▶ Non-verbal communications (What kinds of looks are being exchanged or hidden? How are people sitting in relation to each other?)
  - ▶ Method (How are ideas introduced? What happens to them?)
  - ▶ Climate (Are people being trusting or cautious? Are people caring about each other?)
  - ▶ Role (Who initiates ideas? Who provides data?)
  - ▶ Content (What is being discussed? What decisions are made?)

How do your meetings score when rated against these questions? Early next year, you will have the opportunity to complete your biennial report on program. There are five questions that need responses about successful chapter programs, chapter project(s), training provided by the state organization and support. **These completed reports must be sent to me, your Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Chairman, by February 1, 2008.**

All biennial reports were mailed to chapter presidents in November. She, in turn, should have distributed them to chapter officers and committee chairmen. If unavailable through the chapter, the forms may be downloaded from the website: [deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net).

I encourage all chapter program chairs to complete this report and send it to me by the deadline. Why not plan a Saturday morning brunch and complete all chapter reports together? All the chapter program reports are compiled, and a state report is sent to International Headquarters. I need all chapter reports to make a complete state report. We really do want to know what you are doing at the chapter level and want to share your successes.

## RESEARCH REQUEST

By Monique Lautenschlager, Research Chairman

At the Northeast Regional Conference in Michigan, International President, Dr. Barbara Day, presented another International initiative - Developing an Electronic Library. To accomplish this, Dr. Day has suggested that each state organization would work toward developing at least one paper dealing with a critical issue in education today. These papers, "Gold Papers,"

will be put on the International website under a heading such as *Critical Issues in Education as Reported by Our Members* to be available for all to read and discuss.

The Alpha Alpha State Research Committee and President Carolyn Sutton are asking for suggestions and/or papers for Pennsylvania to submit to this project. Suggestions for content include:

1. Title
2. Introduction of Topic; Why this topic is of importance in education today

3. Brief review of the literature regarding the topic
4. Discussion
5. Conclusions

Recommendations (Including any actions that are advised relative to the topic, including Delta Kappa Gamma's involvement or possible involvement. Contact Monique Lautenschlager, Research Chairman, or Carolyn Sutton, President, to be a part of this very important initiative. **Deadline for submitting papers to the state committee is January 1, 2008.**



# PROGRAM OF WORK

## PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

### MENTORING TODAY

By Judith Schaffer,  
Professional Affairs Chairman

I spent nearly thirty six years as a middle school librarian. Part of my job description was to help mentor the classroom teacher by being aware of the newest innovations. Even if my district didn't provide them, I knew what they were and where to acquire them. Six years ago, I retired. Education has changed rapidly during those six years!

Today if I want to mentor a new classroom teacher, I have lots of catching up to do! How about you? We must learn the lingo of today's educator and classrooms. Are you familiar with the project CLASSROOMS FOR THE FUTURE? It is a \$200 million, three-year state funding program established in response to statewide technology surveys. Is your district involved?

Pennsylvania is currently building high-speed connectivity to all classrooms to enable 21st century education to flourish. The focus is on high school students, to prepare them for the highly competitive world of job opportunities and higher education. English, math, science and social studies are the curriculums involved. The program pays for computers and whiteboards in these areas and for teacher training.

Some computer terminology I am familiar with, but what is a WHITEBOARD? I started teaching on a blackboard using messy chalk and erasers. The next big change was greenboards - the color was said to be more soothing to the eyes. Then came whiteboards utilizing dry markers and erasers. Now it's electronic whiteboards using wired pens hooked up to a computer. I never used any type of whiteboard! Laser

printers, fax machines, paper shredders--these are terms I recognize, but what about a USB NETWORK ADAPTER? Cindy Reynolds, the former Professional Affairs Chairman, gave me this "thing.am.a.bob" which was about two inches long, and said it held all her materials for the past two years. HELP! I drove to my local office supply store and asked for instructions about what to do with it. I came home with a basic knowledge, if I can find the right place to plug it into my computer. In my hands was also a whiteboard, HOLIDAY LASER PAPER, and COLORED STAPLES.

Before actively beginning mentoring in your chapter, think about setting up technology refresher classes. We want to help the new classroom teacher, not hinder them. Let's get prepared for that exciting new challenge!

## WANTED:

### WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

One of the major draws of our Alpha Alpha State Convention held each year in June is its diversified workshops. The Professional Affairs Committee has a key convention duty - to seek out interesting, educational topics delivered by personable professionals in a workshop format. GOOD WORKSHOPS are delivered by GOOD PRESENTERS - an educator just like you, willing to share her expertise! WE NEED YOU!

Complete the proposal form which can be accessed on the ALPHA ALPHA STATE (PA) website - ([deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://deltakappagamma.org/PA)) and send it to me.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All workshop proposals are to be submitted no later than **January 15, 2008**.

My committee, KATHY FIRESTONE (Alpha Upsilon), SUSAN SIMMERS (Theta), FRANCENE IMBROGNO (Alpha Epsilon), JOYCE KERRICK (Alpha Zeta), and SHANNON HARVEY (Omega) will review the proposals and contact the presenters, then schedule the workshops for convention.



### WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINEES

Alpha Alpha State Chapters are encouraged to submit the names of their individual members who have gained recognition between May 2007 and May 2008. This member

must have been recognized for professional, civic, or religious commitment by an organization beyond Delta Kappa Gamma. **The nomination form and criteria for selection are available on the PA website. ([deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://deltakappagamma.org/PA))**

We women sometimes do not like to boast about our personal achievements. Each member should be willing to notify their chapter Professional Affairs Committee about their own personal achievement or provide knowledge about another sister.

Let their stories be known! Spread the word!

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please contact me at 724-337-8043 or [judlees@hotmail.com](mailto:judlees@hotmail.com).



### "ARS LONGA; VITA BREVIS"

This famous Latin saying, which I have known, believed, and appreciated for over half a century, is translated "ART IS LONG; LIFE IS SHORT." It is interesting that the origin of this dictum is from the ancient Greeks ... in fact, from Hippocrates (460 - 377 B.C.), who applied the concept to proper care and healing of body, mind, and spirit. Today it is generally applied to all the arts.

ART is an intriguing word. When I think of the term, my first thoughts are directed to the fine arts, namely PAINTING, SCULPTURE, MUSIC, DANCE, POETRY, and LITERATURE. What is your favorite painting? Why are you so strongly attracted to it, and what is its universal message? Have you seen a piece of the world's greatest sculpture? How did it influence the beauty in your life? How about a special song, hymn, or operatic aria? Every time you hear or sing it, does it put such a spark into your heart that all you can sense is gratitude for the gift of each new day? Shall we dance? "Swan Lake," "Firebird," "The Nutcracker," et al. ... they nurture our soul with a touch of the sublime. What poem has deeply inspired you to a more intense sensitivity about all the blessings that surround you? Do you read, re-read, and even memorize it because you need a dose of courage or a pinch of vitality? Great! And ... belles-lettres. Where would we ever be without the tremendous power from countless literary masterpieces? Our world is truly a world of books.

I, for one, am convinced that one of the most prevailing outcomes of dedication to the creative arts is that which provides the impetus to indulge and invest in prodigious benefits allowing us to move forward in our personal growth. We should...and must...learn, as soon as we can, how compelling it is to value ourselves for who we are, for what we are meant to do and to become, and to be committed to share our God-given talents with those who are an integral part of our



daily contacts and responsibilities. We should be favorably disposed toward identifying the characteristics, attributes, ideas, perceptions, goals, and dreams that affirm our individuality. Socrates said it all: "KNOW THYSELF." Then, and probably only then, will we be better prepared to reach out to others and to serve with genuine care, concern, and compassion.

Let us try to emphasize the following suggestions in order to progress gently but firmly toward a more fulfilling self-development:

1. Realize the value of each day, with its inherent beauty and wonderful encounters. It is a gift, not something we deserve.
2. Do the things that are required by concentrating on the tasks at hand and on how much we can accomplish with positivity.

3. Complete our daily schedule with not only absolute obligations but also with a few activities that really interest us...for no apparent reason.

4. Teach what we know well, and we will probably discern what we are ready to learn.

5. Follow our bliss whenever possible, and be passionate about what we enjoy as leisure-time pursuits.

6. Instead of focusing on how hard and challenging some of our duties are, alternate difficult tasks with some that are pleasant and relaxing.

7. Ask ourselves, "If not now, then when?" Will things be easier or better next year, by 2010, or several years from now if physical limitations do not restrict mental and emotional goals and dreams?

We must always remember that transition will be accompanied by concomitant opportunities to look more definitely at who we are, where we are headed, and why. Result: we can make quality time for actions and experiences that really matter.

**P.S. If you can, please join us at the Creative Arts Retreat in April.** What a splendid way to welcome springtime and to share in unusual and entertaining workshops and programs! (See pages 9-11)







## Visual and Performing Arts

By Donna J. Houser,  
Chairman Visual and Performing Arts Committee

Greetings Sisters,

The state committees have been meeting and planning the 2008 State Convention. As you know music is a very important part of this event - group singing, invocations, benedictions, opening and closing ceremonies, flag bearing and entertainment at the luncheon and banquet.

Barbara Rankin will be directing the state chorus this year, and she hopes to have many sisters join the chorus and make a joyful sound. It doesn't take a lot of time, and it is definitely a fun time! The first rehearsal is Friday evening at the convention. Let's have a record number of singers this year.

I'm also interested in getting more instrumentalists involved at convention. If you play an instrument, please e-mail or land mail me the information requested on the form below. It would be wonderful to have enough volunteers to assemble some ensembles such as duets, trios, quartets, woodwind quintets or brass choir. I need to know as soon as possible if you are willing to participate in the convention music activities. The next convention planning meeting is scheduled for the first weekend in February, so I'd appreciate receiving the information by **January 25**.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments I play \_\_\_\_\_

I am a vocal soloist: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

I am a dancer: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of dance (tap, ballet, folk/ethnic, liturgical) \_\_\_\_\_

I play a folk instrument (dulcimer, mandolin, recorder, guitar, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please e-mail this information to me at [dojehouser@comcast.net](mailto:dojehouser@comcast.net)  
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## State Project

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that education is vital to improving the lives of Ethiopian children and that books are the key to that improvement.

If you take a look at the Ethiopia Reads website, [www.ethiopiareads.org](http://www.ethiopiareads.org), you will see what this amazing organization is all about: "developing a reading culture in Ethiopia by connecting children with books." The State Projects Committee has chosen Ethiopia Reads as its biennial project in the hopes of "planting" a fully sponsored library. A fully sponsored library consists of tables, chairs, shelves, a dictionary stand, books, training materials, sorting and transport of books, Amharic-language educational books, reference books, English-language books, periodicals, art supplies, decorations, library skills training, management and oversight, and 3 years of collection development. The total cost of a fully sponsored library is \$6,000. At the end of President Carolyn's biennium, we hope to have an Alpha Alpha State-sponsored library in Ethiopia. We would be able to have the library named in honor of our Society.

The challenge is now out there to all of Alpha Alpha State to make a dream come true: a library full of books for children in Ethiopia. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, what will you do to help make this dream come true?

**We hope to have an  
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sponsored library in  
Ethiopia!**



at this one. I know this because I have attended area meetings, chapter celebrations, and other events. Through the reading of various newsletters, I have vicariously experienced what other chapters are doing. **Alpha Xi Chapter has a "Lunch Bunch" group that meets monthly for lunch and fellowship. Alpha Upsilon has a book review group.**

**#4. Expanding Internationally:** We look forward to meeting our new sisters from Denmark at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago. Do you have the dates, July 22-27, 2008 marked on your calendar?

**#5. Promoting Arts and Women Artists:** Alpha Alpha State gets gold stars in this area. **The Visual and Performing Arts Committee is planning our fourth Women in the Arts Retreat to be held April 25-27, 2008 at The Country Place, White Haven, PA.**

There is a new reason to attend the International Convention this summer in Chicago - Passion for Visual Arts Exhibit. Alpha Alpha State artists will have an opportunity to exhibit their work at the convention. It will be a juried exhibit under the direction of Patricia Ostewig, Gamma Xi Chapter, Illinois. All the information and the application forms (deadline March 1, 2008) are available on the International website.

**#6. Crafting Research-Based Legislative Agendas:** U.S. Forum Representative, Dr. Patricia Kardambikis, will update us on information as it becomes available.

**#7. Hiring a Public Relations Firm to Help Define Our Image:** While the International Administrative Board explores avenues to create a Society "brand," you, as a member, should be ready with your "elevator speech" to promote Delta Kappa Gamma. Developing good stories to tell about the Society and your

chapter would be a great reorientation activity for a chapter meeting. **#8 Moving Into the Electronic Age Through Publications.** Have you logged on to the Alpha Alpha State website lately? **Our state webmaster, Tammy Miller, has designed an attractive new look for Pennsylvania and created an easy-to-navigate site.** As part of her work, Tammy has posted the updated Alpha Alpha State Bylaws and Standing Rules approved at the 2007 State Convention. Click on **[www.deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/PA)** to download for your chapter. **Chi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Nu, and Alpha Sigma Chapters have chapter websites.** Other chapters are working on creating websites and will soon be linking to the state website.

#### **ADDITIONAL NEW PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AREAS PRESENTED AT THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE...**

**1. Developing an Electronic Library:** Dr. Day has asked each state to write a "Gold Paper" on a significant, critical education issue. The papers will be placed on the International website for resource sharing. Pennsylvania members who are currently teaching and/or involved in any current educational research should consider participating in this venture. More information can be found in the Research Committee's article in this issue.

**2. Launching an Online Leadership Course:** This course-work is nearing completion. The announcement will be on the International website.

**3. Holding a Golden Gift Renaissance Symposium in July:** I hope you will think of ways to help the Golden Gift members in your chapter travel to participate in Texas.

**4. Developing an Executive Leadership Program for Women Educators, Delta Kappa Gamma**

**Members and Non-Members:** This is already in the development stage at the University of Texas.

**5. Exploring and Developing Virtual Chapters:** Alaska, Hawaii and Alberta are leading the way on this initiative. Some of our Pennsylvania chapters might consider this for a winter meeting when traveling conditions are unpredictable.

**6. Listening to Millennial and Generation X Voices:** Panel discussions on this initiative were held at the regional conferences. Young Alpha Alpha State members are serving on state committees, voicing their opinions, and offering excellent suggestions.

**7. Writing and Updating our History:** At the International level, Dr. Connie Hoag and Odelia Schrunk are working on this effort. Our own Alpha Alpha State Historical Records Committee has the awesome task of organizing our historical archives to be placed in the Paterno Library.

**8. Global Exchange:** This initiative was suggested by our European sisters. It is a "house swapping" project. Would you be willing to share or trade your house with another sister? Think of the opportunity for affordable travel! The above initiatives of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International demonstrate that our Society truly promotes professional and personal growth of women educators. Your chapter officers and committee chairmen will be asked to share your success stories in the biennial reports. Volunteer to help complete the information by the report due date of March 1, 2008.

My best wishes to you as you continue to weave your life-stories with wisdom and passion. May your holiday season be interwoven with love, peace and happiness.



## STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



### ATTENTION

#### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

*Please check the Alpha Alpha State website.*

Evaluation forms for *The Keystonean* Editor, Treasurer, and Webmaster are now online.

Each chapter is assigned a position to evaluate each year. Instructions, duties and responsibilities, chapter assignments and evaluation forms are under Evaluation Forms on the website.

**Please complete your evaluation form by December 1, 2007 or ASAP.**

**Submit to:**

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830 Fernwood Place  
Johnstown, PA 15905**

Forms may be submitted electronically or in the mail. Chapter presidents will only receive their assigned forms in the mail if they do not have an e-mail address in the directory.

**Contact Wanda if you have any questions.**

*Renew your spirit in the heart of nature  
4th Creative Arts Retreat  
April 25-27, 2008*



Located at the foothills of the Pocono Mountains in White Haven, PA, The Country Place Retreat and Conference Center will be the site of this year's Women in the Arts Retreat. Legend has it that the land has been blessed by native people. What an exciting place to participate in a nature walk, music, dance, needlework, painting, decorating, and more! We will come together in the quiet, unique, private retreat environment of The Country Place, just a short drive from Wilkes Barre, 5 minutes off I80. They specialize in healthy gourmet cuisine and offer spa facilities. (Website: [www.retreat-pa.com](http://www.retreat-pa.com) Costs for spa treatments are not included in the registration fee.) Join your  $\Delta K \Gamma$  sisters as we discover and develop our creative energies!

**See pages 10-11 for workshop listings and registration form**

### PLEASE NOTE: Chapter Treasurers

*from Linda O'Connor, State Treasurer*

The United States Internal Revenue Service is requiring a new annual electronic filing for small tax exempt organizations (normally gross receipts of \$25,000 or less). Any chapter which meets this requirement and is not currently filing Form 990 or 990EZ must now submit an annual electronic notice (Form 990-N) with the IRS. Even if no taxes are due, the IRS will require a Form 990-N beginning in 2008. The initial filing deadline for the Society's chapters will be

November 15, 2008.

The IRS has sent letters to many chapter treasurers with instructions for beginning this online process. The IRS, through its E-Postcard initiative, is developing a filing system for the annual electronic notice and will be publicizing filing procedures upon completion of the filing system. Updates on the process can be found at [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile); click on EO Newsletter.



## 2008 Women in the Arts Workshops

Choose one workshop for each session and circle on your registration page. You may opt to skip a workshop time and do your own thing. There is a spa available that you may choose to take advantage of. Contact The Country Place and schedule on your own at your cost.

### From Page to the Stage with Kay Stuart

The powerful tool of Readers' Theater will create a stirring theatrical performance without scenery or costumes. The "theater of the imagination" will remind you of the golden days of radio.

### Shoulder Massage and Relaxation Techniques with Stephanie Olver

Learn how to give a basic shoulder massage to help your stressed-out colleagues. Don't forget yourself! Learn some quick destressing and relaxation techniques for your tired body.

### Crocheting For Beginners with Sharon Herzog

For beginners or as a refresher course, relax with friends, put your feet up and choose from several small projects to crochet. Bring a skein of lightweight cotton yarn or one of the new fancy designed yarns and a medium crochet hook.

### Adventure Walk with Ruth Althouse

Discover a fun house in the woods not far from your bunk. Enjoy the fresh morning air and prepare yourself for a surprise as you take in the beauty of the Pocono Mountains.

### Oklahoma Shuffle Quilt with Sylvia Wood

Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies and spend the morning 3 sessions piecing an awesome quilt top that I learned at International Convention at Minneapolis, 2004. I will send you details on fabrics that you will need to pre-cut before you come. I did it and so can you!

### A Stamping Smorgasbord with Terri Stetler

Explore new ideas and express your creativity in a variety of rubber stamping projects to use as gifts or for your home. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned stamper, you'll be delighted with the results. Bring a pillar candle of your choice for one of the projects. If you have glue dots, glue pens or a Crop-A-Dile, please bring them to this two hour session. A \$5.00 fee will be charged at workshop for supplies provided.

### Sharing From the Heart with Joan Peters

Poetic reflections focusing on beauty and the wonders in our lifestyles often evolve from KISS-Keep It Simple and Sincere. A discussion of several poems, especially free verse selections, will offer a prelude to our creative writing attempts in a variety of poetic forms.

### Music For the Movers, Shakers, and Boomers with Linda Nickerson and Grace Schauer

This is a hands-on workshop where everyone can express their inner desire to be a performer. We will

sing, play instruments, and create our own "Idol." No prior experience necessary.

### Creative Dining with Greta Taft and Sally Lewis

Are you looking for creative beauty on your holiday table or for a special occasion? Participants will learn ways to add a special touch to their dining experience with the art of napkin folding. Bring along an approximate 18 to 24 inch cloth dinner napkin to practice on or several, if you like!

### Create-A-Hat with Janelle Johnson

Express your inner creative talents! Be the envy of all your friends. Participants will create an original hat with fabric, feathers, and jewelry. Supplies will be provided. A \$3.00 fee will be necessary for supplies at workshop. If you have old, unwanted jewelry, bring it along.

### Tell a Story Through Music and Dance with Gisele Rinaldi Seibold

Discover the symbolism behind music inspired by ancient ruins and events. Interpret this music through dance and let your soul and inner child soar! Offered to all level of dancers from novice to experts.

### One Stroke Folk Art with Carol Goodman

You will learn the basic technique of Donna Dewberry's "One Stroke Folk Art" craft painting. "One Stroke" is an easy method to create beautiful inexpensive gifts. After learning the basics, you can make cards with matching envelopes or choose from many other items. A \$3.00 fee will be charged at workshop for supplies provided.

### Basket Weaving with Tammy Ebert (three hour session)

Learn the beginning techniques for basket weaving and take home a beautiful bun basket for your dinner table. These skills are the perfect springboard to many great basket styles. A \$5.00 fee will be needed for this workshop.

### Kaleidoscope Pictures with Karen Ball

Kaleidoscopes are photos manipulated into pieces of art suitable for framing and perfect for scrapbooks. You will learn how to take a photograph and make a "Kaleidoscope Picture Design" by cutting the images and reverse images and piece it together (pizza pie like) to make a larger geometric picture. This two hour session will open a new concept for displaying your memories.

### Watercolor with Cindy Reynolds

Have you ever wanted to dabble in watercolor? Now is your opportunity in a stress free atmosphere. Cindy

Continued on page 11.



**Workshop selections:**  
Circle your Choices

**Friday**

Massage & Relaxation Techniques  
From the Page to the Stage  
Crochet for Beginners

**Saturday**

**8:30-9:30**

Adventure Walk

Poetry: Sharing From the Heart

**8:30-10:30**

A Stamping Smorgasbord

**8:30-11:30**

Oklahoma Shuffle Quilt

**9:50-10:50**

Music for the Movers, Shakers, and Boomers

Creative Dining

Create-A-Hat

**11:30-12:30**

Dance with Giselle

One Stroke Folk Art

**1:30-3:30**

Watercolor

Kaleidoscopes

**1:30-4:30**

Basket Weaving

**1:30-2:30**

Create-A-Hat

**2:50-3:50**

Music for the Movers, Shakers, and Boomers

Braided Bookmarks

**4:00-5:00**

Dance with Giselle

Massage & Relaxation Techniques

Braided Bookmarks

Make checks payable to: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

Mail check and registration form by **April 1, 2008** to:

Kay Stuart

1307 Hunter Road

Knoxville, PA 16928

(814) 326-4446

estuart001@stny.rr.com

will share her love of watercolor painting and teach some basic skills in this two hour hands-on workshop. Plan to join the fun.

**Braided Bookmarks** with Carol Lane

Participants will make a decorative braided bookmark. It may look difficult, but it is very easy. The bookmarks are made from paper, no talent is required.

**4th Annual Creative Arts Retreat**



April 25-27, 2008

**The Country Place Retreat**

White Haven, PA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Position (Retired): \_\_\_\_\_

What is your expected time of arrival on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

I have special dietary needs. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I have difficulty climbing stairs. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your selection**

- Weekend registration:  
Dorm \$260 per participant  
Semi \$315 per participant
- Saturday only (includes 2 meals)  
registration:  
\$65 per participant

- 1 Night Only registration:  
Dorm \$150 per participant  
Semi \$180 per participant  
(I will be staying Friday / Saturday night.)

Includes: meals, snacks, room, and materials for activities. All rooms will be dorm style (no upper bunks) or semi-private. Retreat registration and room reservations will be handled by Kay Stuart.

Join us for the adventure of making a fun project that lasts a long time.

**Sunday Morning** will give you an opportunity to take another Adventure Walk, reflect on the weekend, share your new creations and listen to great performances. A brunch will be served before departing.



## STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

### Blog? What's a Blog?

By Barbara Clark, Communications Committee Chairman

How computer savvy are you? Very? OK? Not at all? I'm in the middle of OK...I can email, print pictures, and Google, but all that is slowly changing!

Our International Headquarters is pushing for state organizations and chapters to use electronic media to transmit information. The Alpha Alpha State Communications Committee is entering the electronic highway! Our new webmaster, Tammy Miller, instructed the committee members how to join and participate in a Communications Committee Blog. I must admit that I had heard the term blog, but had no clue as to how it worked. Actually, the title of this article is what I asked Tammy.

Thankfully she is very patient and talked us through the process and now we are conducting business as the need arises. We are "talking" to each other, voicing our opinions, bouncing ideas off each other and making decisions - all on our Blog.

We will be saving Alpha Alpha State money (we won't need to meet in person except at the state convention), we won't have to leave our families for the committee meeting and we can take care of business in a timely manner. One of the new processes we're incorporating in the blog is proofreading *The Keystonean*. This will help our editor, Terri Stetler. She will not have to find people to do this task, our committee will do it.

To be honest, I really love the Blog! It is so neat to be in touch on a regular basis with my committee. We're the guinea pigs and we'll see if we can get other committees, officers and chapter presidents involved in their own blogs.

Since there is the push for electronic communication, it means we need to tap our VERY savvy computer members to help the rest of us. What is your chapter doing to "go electronic?" Do you have a communications chain? An electronic chapter newsletter? Invitations to meetings via the computer? Other communications? Let me know, so we can keep track of how our chapters are using the electronic highway. If you have an idea you would like the Communications Committee to consider, or if you have ideas to help us help you, please email me at [clarkpsu@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkpsu@hotmail.com) so we can discuss it immediately!

Don't forget to check out Alpha Alpha State's new website, [www.deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/PA). The new brochure is on the website and you or your chapter can print it out. I suggest that you use a slightly heavier paper than regular copy paper for a better finished product.

*Thank you*

to the state Communications Committee members who served as reviewers of *The Keystonean*:

Barb Clark  
Tammy Miller  
Valerie Ripple  
Carol Ulrich

## ALPHA ALPHA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### NOMINATION NOTICE



#### Honoring Key Women

The annual State Achievement Award is the most prestigious award given by Alpha Alpha State. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State by promoting the purposes and policies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Chapters can nominate one member each year for this award. This nominee should be a leader within the chapter and a sister who has demonstrated outstanding participation in regional and state events.

Consider your chapter membership and the guidelines for the Achievement Award.

You can download the guidelines and form from the state website. ([www.deltakappagamma.org/PA/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/PA/)) In the event that you are unable to do this, please contact me for a mailed copy.

Louise Garverick, Chairman  
117 Artillery Drive  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-3102

#### Please note:

new website address for  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International  
[deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net)



# STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

## APPLY for ALPHA ALPHA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS and ENRICHMENT GRANTS

Alpha Alpha State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants are available to members in good standing who have held membership for at least three years.

**Scholarships** will be offered for graduate study leading to an advanced degree or certification or toward job/self improvement. Credit may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college/ university.

A scholarship recipient may apply more than one time, but an individual's total may not exceed the maximum of \$7,000.

**Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** The Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship will be awarded to one active member in her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of Delta Kappa Gamma membership who is working in graduate study. The approximate amount of \$1000 will be awarded each fiscal year.

**Enrichment Grants** will be awarded for enrollment in an Elderhostel program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel/study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project or to present a paper to a professional organization.

An Enrichment Grant recipient may receive a one-time award in each of the following categories:

1. Elderhostel or continuing education
2. Travel/study
3. Individual project, research project, or presentation of a paper

An applicant may not receive more than \$5000 from Enrichment Grant monies. The following "Alpha Alpha State Scholarship

Award Point System" will be used as criteria for selection:

1. Proposed use of scholarship (30 pts.)
  - a. Purpose of proposed graduate work or graduate travel/study
  - b. Projected time plan
  - c. Extent to which courses are completed
  - d. Use of scholarship money
  - e. Status of dissertation (doctoral candidate)
2. Society participation (30 pts.)



Officer, Committee Chairman, Committee Membership at Chapter, State, and/or International levels; attendance, participation, responsibilities at conventions/ meetings in areas, states, regions, or at International level

3. Professional involvement (20 pts.)
  - a. Professional organizations
  - b. Job-related activities
  - c. Special honors/awards/ publications
  - d. Professional letters of recommendation
4. Other involvement (10 pts)
  - a. Community activities/awards/ honors

**Contact...Janet Lee Hay, State Scholarship Chairman**

Box 261  
Lake Shore Drive  
Jennerstown, PA 15547  
814.629.5443  
jlhay@shol.com

...for further information or for application materials.

**Application Deadline:**

**Postmarked...February 1, 2008**

Application forms for State Scholarships, Enrichment Grants and Achievement Award can be downloaded. Go to Alpha Alpha State website at

[www.deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/PA)  
Click on Committees in Action. Click on download button and print.

Please note the procedural clarification that scholarships and enrichment grants are to be used in the fiscal year following the convention they are awarded.

**Attention**

**All Committee Chairpersons and Officers**



**BUDGET REQUESTS**

**Due by April 1, 2008**

To:  
Wanda D. Keller  
Finance Committee Chairperson  
830 Fernwood Place  
Johnstown, PA 15905





## THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Patricia Kardambikis, Ph.D.

**Knowledge . Commitment . Teamwork . Action . Results**

### "Let Freedom Ring: Key Women Educators Sharing a Passion for Civic Action"

The U. S. Forum seeks to serve the interests of members that reflect the purposes and mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The U.S. Forum is dedicated to being an advocate for children by initiating and implementing action to improve the lives of women and children through education.

#### Medicaid and SCHIP Coverage of Children

The Medicaid program provides coverage for millions of low-income children. Children represent half of all Medicaid enrollees, but account for only 17% of total program spending. SCHIP was created in 1997 as a block grant to give states the flexibility to cover uninsured children in families with incomes above Medicaid eligibility levels. SCHIP provides an enhanced federal match, but each state's federal funding for SCHIP is capped; as a result some states have experienced funding shortfalls. Recent increases in uninsured children point to the potential for past gains to be reversed if states are unable to expand SCHIP to reach the growing numbers of children without affordable private coverage and if program funding is inadequate to secure coverage.

#### No Child Left Behind Reform Act (NCLBRA) (S.1194)

NCLBRA provides states with the flexibility to use multiple measures to calculate student achievement. Under current law, schools are held accountable for student achievement based on how their students perform on annual tests. Unfortunately, test scores alone may not be an adequate or accurate measure of student achievement. Additional measures such as an individual student's rate of improvement or graduation rates may be better yardsticks to gauge whether students are making adequate yearly progress towards proficiency. NCLBRA allows schools to target school choice and supplemental services to the students that actually demonstrate the need for them. Under current law, school choice must be offered to all students in a school, and supplemental services must be provided to all low-income students in a school, regardless of whether these children are the students that have actually failed to meet testing goals. (NEA.org)

#### Tips for Communicating with Legislators

If you plan to write or call your legislator about an issue, be certain you have the latest information and can answer the following questions:

- Is the legislation a House or Senate Bill?
- What are the highlights of the most current version of the bill?
- What is the current status of the bill and where will it next be considered?
- Has my legislator already taken a position on the issue?

#### Lobbying by letter or e-mail

Contacting a legislator by letter provides an opportunity for you to state a position and rationale on an issue in a format that can easily be retained and shared by others. Here are a few important guidelines to follow:

- ◆ Verify the name of the legislator representing your district as well as the correct spelling of the legislator's name.
- ◆ Use "The Honorable (first name, last name)" for both senators and representatives. The salutations should be "Dear Senator (last name)" or "Dear Representative (last name)"
- ◆ Write your message in a polite, personal style; never use a threatening or insulting tone.
- ◆ Make your points by explaining the issue as it would affect your local school district. Presenting a real cause-effect example of what would happen if the bill were passed captures the legislator's attention and enhances the school district's credibility.
- ◆ Be brief and to the point, preferably no longer than a page or two. Supporting material and statistics should be attached so that the letter can be passed onto the legislator's staff or to others that may want to read it. (psba.org)

#### The U.S. Forum's National Legislative Seminar Presents:

##### "Key Women Educators Sharing A Passion for Civic Action"

The National Legislative Seminar for Key Women Educators will take place in Arlington, VA from April 20 - 23, 2008. The registration deadline is March 15, 2008. The registration is \$150.00 for Delta Kappa Gamma members. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to join a team of highly motivated individuals interested in learning more about how our government works. Attend this lively seminar and share your views and expertise with others of similar interests. More information is located on the Delta Kappa Gamma Webpage; click under US Forum.



## CHAPTER NEWS

### ETA



*Eta members (L-R) Fran Reinhard, Mary Goodwillie, Terri Stetler, Marge Dean, Nancy Elmerbrink, Heidi Wolf, Margaret Hughes, Sue Reich, Laura Emerick, Sue Waltemyer, Jean Myers, President Liz Eisenhart, Sue Tome, Ruth Althouse, and Barb Kuhl celebrated Eta's 60 years with a cruise. The group included eight Eta past presidents.*

Eta Chapter celebrated her 60th Anniversary with a cruise on the *Odyssey* in Washington D.C. Members, family and friends spent a relaxing day cruising the Potomac River, dining in grand style aboard the *Odyssey* and seeing the sights in our nation's capital.

Following the cruise, the group toured the exhibits at the National Museum of the American Indian, the newest addition to the Smithsonian buildings on the Mall.



*Sarah Dorward and Amy Slagel were recently initiated into Eta Chapter.*

Eta Chapter of York was delighted to induct into membership two young educators at the October meeting. Sarah Dorward is a reading teacher at Northeastern Middle School and Amy Slagel teaches first grade at Conewago Elementary.

*Submitted with photos by Ruth Althouse*



*Fran Reinhard, (center) Eta Past President, shares a story with York City school children at Literacy Night.*

On October 11, 2007, Eta Chapter sponsored their 5th Family Literacy Night in York City Schools. This year's event was held at Ferguson Elementary School. Over 80 participants enjoyed a delicious supper cooked by Eta chefs. After finishing their meal, families went with a lesson facilitator who shared a favorite read-aloud along with reading activities that could be continued at home.

Over 20 Eta members shared the various duties of the evening. Other members supported the project by donating money, books, or food. This project serves as a means for the members to give back to their community in an important way, for we all know that early literacy is important to producing life-long readers and productive citizens.

*Submitted by Cathy Bair, Project Chair*

### BETA BETA

While all Delta Kappa Gamma members are outstanding educators, it is gratifying when a member is actually publicly recognized. Such was the honor for Ruby Schmidt, a member of Beta Beta Chapter and a kindergarten teacher at Friendship Elementary School in Glen Rock. She was selected by the Shippensburg University Study Council to receive an Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2007/08 school year. In addition, she will be a guest lecturer in May to education students on the topic of "teaching kindergarteners is not all about math and A, B, Cs - the social and emotional aspects are also so important." She was honored at a luncheon on October 4th at Shippensburg University. Congratulations to Ruby for a job well done and years of dedicated service to children.

*Submitted by Pat Walker*

### BETA GAMMA



As their "Projects" contribution for 2006-2007, Beta Gamma Chapter made 24 baby quilts and donated them to the Neonatal Unit of the York Hospital. Shown L-R are: Joan Walters, Projects Chairman, Ann Shoemaker, Co-President of the chapter, Liz Burcin, NICU nurse manager, Diane Markey-Campbell, Co-President and Cheryl Huber, project coordinator.

*Submitted with photo by Cheryl Huber*



## CHAPTER NEWS

### PHI

Phi Chapter members show the results of some of their recent projects. The group recently made 30 dolls for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOPS). CHOPS uses these for their pediatric surgical patients. Doctors are able to draw on a doll to show a child exactly where and how a surgical procedure will be done. Then the child has the doll to keep as a "buddy" for the duration.

The group also donated 25 handmade corn bags through the initiative of chapter member Betty Sutliff, to Home Health Hospice of Honesdale, PA. Corn bags provide moist heat when warmed in a microwave oven.



Several members of Phi Chapter show off their chapter's recent handiwork of handmade dolls and quilts: (seated) Monique Lautenschlager -chapter president; Regina Campbell, and Doris Goerlitz. Standing (L-R) Betty Bell, Gayle Field, Sharon Herzog, Linda Campbell, Ellen Strauskulage, Lori Sheldon, Barbara Balmer and Tammi Ebert.

Submitted with photos by Regina Campbell

### ALPHA IOTA



Alpha Iota Chapter held its initiation on October 20, 2007 at the Women's Club of Erie. Our initiates are: Mrs. Charlise Moore, Mrs. Mary Popadak, Ms. Rhonda Champion, Mrs. Emily Evans, Ms. Ellen Bane and Mrs. Melinda Heasley.

Submitted with photo by Loretta Baran

Please send chapter news and photos (with identification) to *The Keystonean* Editor by snail mail or email (TRStetler@aol.com) by February 1, 2008.

### BETA BETA

#### *It's a Small (ΔKT) World!*

On our trip to China last spring through the state university system, we made friends with several retired teachers. We invited one of the couples, Burt and Joanne Adams from Sullivan County, to be our guests at a Penn State game. As we walked around the campus before game time, we approached The Nittany Lion Inn and I casually mentioned how pretty the accommodations were in the inn and that I went there every June for a state convention for an educational organization to which I belonged. Joanne asked what the organization was and before I could finish saying "Delta Kappa Gamma," she was chiming in with "Hello Sister." And then we stopped on the sidewalk and started singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song to the amusement of our husbands and passersby. She is a member of Alpha Beta and I am in Beta Beta. One never knows when she will befriend a fellow sister!

Submitted by Pat Walker



## CHAPTER NEWS

### BETA IOTA



#### Outstanding Woman Educator

Mary Benton was recently presented the Outstanding Woman Educator Award for 2007. Mary retired from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit where she acted as a consultant for the CAIU and trained personnel in IST, autism, and inclusion practices. She is board certified as a Behavioral Analyst for Mental Health and Retardation.

Mary has served Beta Iota as Budget and Finance chairman, Honors Committee, Scholarship Committee, Ways and Means Committee and as 2002-2004 chapter president. Presenting the award is Sandra Heim, 2006 Outstanding Woman Educator recipient.



#### 25 Year Members

Beta Iota Chapter recognized (L-R) Susan Bottini, Barbara Neff and Jane Over for 25 years of service to Beta Iota and Delta Kappa Gamma. Each member was presented a rose at a recent meeting.

*Submitted with photos by Beth Acri-Brown*

### SIGMA

Sigma Chapter held its 60th birthday celebration at its October 2007 meeting. The group met at the Turbot Hills Golf Club in Milton for dinner and a program in honor of the founding of the local chapter on November 1, 1947. A special guest was Miss Mary Jane Stevenson, of Lewisburg, who was a charter member of the organization. In honor of the event a special birthday gift donation was made to the Blue Butterfly Fund, a charity which aids families whose children have cancer.

Members Nancy Murray, Lois Miller, and Melissa Brouse shared entertaining and inspirational moments from their teaching careers. A candlelight recommitment ceremony was led by Co-Presidents Carol Main and Bonna Cafiso and President Susan Tonzetich. The Red Rose Recognition was presented to Miss Stevenson and also to Virginia Amme, who wrote the chapter birthday song which was sung by members at the state convention in June.



*Charter Member: (L-R) Miss Mary Jane Stevenson, a charter member of Sigma, celebrates the chapter's 60th birthday with President Susan Tonzetich.*



*Check presentation: (L-R) Elizabeth Sterling, founder of the Blue Butterfly Fund, accepts Sigma birthday gift donation from President Susan Tonzetich, with Co-Vice President Bonna Cafiso and Treasurer Anita Shaffer.*

*Submitted with photos by Susan Tonzetich*

### AREA MEETING STRESSED???

Join us for

**Health Rhythms Group Empowerment Drumming (TM)!**

**When:** Saturday, April 12, 2008 - 10:30AM  
(very casual dress/very little or no jewelry)

**Where:** Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center/  
Windber Medical Center  
600 Somerset Avenue  
Windber, PA 15963

**Cost:** \$10.00 for catered lunch @ noon

**RSVP:** Send check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma  
International by March 1, 2008

For questions or to register contact: Arlene Fuller 210 Crestview Avenue,  
Bedford, PA 15522, 814-623-7343, afuller90@gmail.com

**Sponsors:** Iota, Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda, Beta Epsilon, and  
Beta Xi Chapters





## HISTORICAL MOMENT #3

### Changes

The years between our 50th birthday and today have seen many changes in Alpha Alpha State. After moving our state conventions from place to place, we have found our home in State College and the Nittany Lion Inn. We have added the Women in the Arts Retreat, and expanded our Seminar of Purpose to better improve the well-being of our sisters. *The Keystoneian* has grown from distribution twice a year to four times a year and is now printed in black and green. The State Music Chairman is now the Chairman of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee. We now have a Visionary Fund as well as \$20,000 a year given in scholarships.

The availability of computers has made many things easier for those who use them. Being able to contact officers, committee members and sisters by email expedites many communications. The Society website, [deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net), makes available a wealth of information about our Society, our state organization, and that of other state and international organizations. The ability to download forms has been increasingly convenient in our busy world.

From our beginnings 70 years ago, we have grown to 64 chapters and 4000 women strong. Amazing women...Strong women...Brilliant Women...Talented Women...Extraordinary Women. Our past, our present, and our future.

Yes, as a Society we have surely been Forward Moving Ever, and we will continue on this journey. With our Mission Statement and Seven Purposes to guide us we will continue to walk in the footsteps of those who have gone before us, and we will set deeply, our own footprints so that those who follow us have a strong, sure path to guide them.

## NERC Notes

By Royce Boyd,  
2011 NERC Coordinator



At the August 2007 Executive Committee Meeting, some members were talking about ways to help fund the 2011 NERC in Hershey. Many ideas were bantered about and filed for future reference but one stood out - LUCINDA PINS! Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi, had been in contact with Lucinda to design a pin specifically for Delta Kappa Gamma, and she had prototypes to share. The committee members made suggestions and Karen Tinstman, Alpha Sigma, has been working diligently with Lucinda and her company to finalize a design or two. There are still several hurdles to overcome, but if all goes well we may be looking at pins in the spring of 2008 to use as a fund raiser for 2011.

In other NERC news, Wanda Keller, Iota will serve as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the 2011 Conference. Many members continue to volunteer to help, and these names are being filed for future reference. Don't be surprised when that email or call comes for you to pitch in!

Stay tuned, and keep thinking sweet thoughts of Hershey and 2011!

## Save These Dates

**2008**

**April 25-27**

Alpha Alpha State  
Women in the Arts Retreat  
White Haven, Pennsylvania

**June 13-15**

Alpha Alpha State Convention  
State College, Pennsylvania

**July 22-27**

International Convention  
Rosemont, Illinois

**2009**

**July 20-25**

Northeast Regional Conference  
Burlington, Vermont

**2011**

**July 17-25**

Northeast Regional Conference  
Hershey, Pennsylvania





### Update your directory:

Louann Shrader, Membership Chairman, has a new email address: [lshrader@embarqmail.com](mailto:lshrader@embarqmail.com)

Francene Imbrogno (Professional Affairs Committee) is from Alpha Epsilon Chapter

Wanda Keller, Finance Chairman, has a new email address: [WKeller879@atlanticbb.net](mailto:WKeller879@atlanticbb.net)

## NOTICES

### ACTION ALERT

### ATTENTION: CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Please observe the following DEADLINES for mailing 2008-2010 Chapter Officers'/Committee Chairmen's names and addresses.

**March 1, 2008** - DEADLINE to SUBMIT 2008-2010 chapter officers' names and addresses.

**April 1, 2008** - DEADLINE to SUBMIT 2008-2010 chapter chairmen's names and addresses.

The forms will be mailed to you.  
PLEASE SUBMIT TO:

Patricia Shedlock,  
Corresponding Secretary  
1381 Jessica Dr.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Send changes of address to:

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
International Headquarters  
P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767*

### Alpha Alpha State Birthday Chapters - 2008

The following Alpha Alpha State Chapters will be honored at the Birthday Luncheon, Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

<b>70 YEARS</b>	
Alpha	May 14, 1938
Beta	May 28, 1938
<b>60 YEARS</b>	
Phi	January 31, 1948
Chi	February 14, 1948
Psi	April 10, 1948
Omega	April 24, 1948
Alpha Alpha	May 15, 1948
Alpha Beta	May 22, 1948
Alpha Gamma	May 28, 1948
Alpha Delta	May 30, 1948

<b>45 YEARS</b>	
Beta Zeta	April 20, 1963
Beta Theta	May 3, 1963
Beta Iota	May 3, 1963

<b>40 YEARS</b>	
Beta Mu	April 20, 1968
Beta Nu	June 8, 1968

<b>30 YEARS</b>	
Beta Pi	May 13, 1978



### In Memoriam

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*Dorothy D. Matsco*

August 22, 2007

Dorothy was a charter member and past chapter president of Alpha Psi Chapter. Professionally, Dorothy taught Science until her retirement.

*Joann Wilson*

September 20, 2007

Joann was an active charter member of Beta Sigma Chapter. She helped in the planning and formation of the chapter. Professionally, Joann taught for 34 years as an elementary teacher in the Lake Lehman School District.

*Hattie O. Coffman*

September 22, 2007

Hattie, a 45-year member, was a charter member of Beta Alpha Chapter serving in various capacities including past chapter president. Professionally, she was an elementary teacher in the Tincum Township Elementary School, teaching for 40 years before her retirement in 1987.

*Marion G. Ecker*

October 12, 2007

Marion, a member of Omega Chapter, actively served on many committees and chaired the Scholarship Committee for many years. An elementary teacher teaching in various Adams County districts, Marion was instrumental in organizing and teaching the first Head Start program in Gettysburg.

*Nannetta Reed*

October 21, 2007

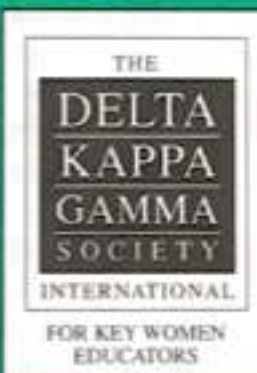
Nannetta, a member for over 52 years and an inspiration to her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters, was a charter member of Alpha Lambda Chapter. Besides chairing various committees, Nannetta served as chapter president. Professionally, she was a home economics teacher in the Connellsville Area School District.



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*Helen C. Williams*

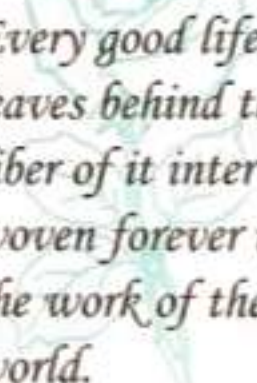
April 26, 2007

Helen, a member of Omega Chapter, served the chapter on various chapter committees. Professionally, Helen was the first elementary reading teacher in the Gettysburg School System and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1976.

*Yolonda Hutchison*

July 16, 2007

Yolonda was a past president of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She also served as recording secretary, first and second vice president and parliamentarian of the chapter. Yolonda was also active on the state level, serving as Alpha Alpha State's State Convention Chair as well as serving on the State Nominations, Historical Records, and Membership Committees. Professionally, Yolonda was a 40-year teacher of Spanish and English.



*Every good life  
leaves behind the  
fiber of it inter-  
woven forever in  
the work of the  
world.*

John Ruskin

*Mabel Morrow Miller*

August 10, 2007

Mabel was a member of Zeta Chapter serving as chair of many chapter committees. Professionally, she was an elementary teacher, teaching for over 40 years before her retirement in 1969. Mabel also served as an active founding member, participant, and volunteer in many community organizations and causes.

*Mary Jo Rigal*

August 21, 2007

A member of Alpha Psi Chapter, Mary Jo served the chapter as vice president. Professionally, Mary Jo was an elementary teacher in the Trinity School District as well as serving as a speech and hearing teacher for Easter Seals.